



# Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website [www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov](http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov). Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 agenda; 2. Approval of the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 7,151.40
American Fence Co., jail exercise area -----	\$ 4,200.00
AS Central Services, data process. -----	\$ 220.60
Capital Business Systems, copier lease -----	\$ 141.00
Capital Business Systems, printer lease -----	\$ 28.00
Clerk Dist. Ct., adv. costs -----	\$ 187.00
Barry Corder, mileage -----	\$ 38.64
D&S Hardware, repair -----	\$ 80.00
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,136.29
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 325.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,160.41
I.C.S., supply -----	\$ 507.89
Law Office of Tana Fye, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 1,112.76
McCooknet Internet Service, service -----	\$ 72.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 254.75
NE Institute of Forensic Sciences, coroner costs -----	\$ 1,800.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 230.39
Valerie Paschall, clerical -----	\$ 16.00
Peckham Dental Clinic, inmate dental -----	\$ 340.00
Postmaster, postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
Quill Corp., supply -----	\$ 158.96
Redfield & Co., same -----	\$ 1,217.16
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,038.08
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 35.71



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T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 34.50
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 301.30
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 610.94
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender -----	\$ 2,000.00

## **ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 6,309.72
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 19.50
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,651.87
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 174.26
Husker Steel, culvert -----	\$12,828.00
John Deere Financial, grader pmt. -----	\$ 8,307.57
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 1,699.06
Mentzer Oil Co., fuel/additive -----	\$ 3,632.40
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 168.62
NE Machinery Co., edges/inspections/repair -----	\$ 4,626.05
Orscheln Farm & Home, tools -----	\$ 26.52
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 855.72
Sandhill Welding LLC, bldg. repair -----	\$ 1,514.88
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 14.98
Karen Wertz, reimb. supply -----	\$ 56.94

## **E911 PSC FUND:**

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 223.22
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 549.18

## **911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:**

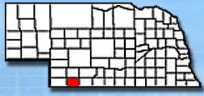
CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 55.81
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 137.30

Attorney Garner joined the meeting. Discussion held regarding the discontinuance of the Orscheln's Convenience store card with said card being replaced with an Orscheln Visa Business credit card.

Emergency Manager Patrick Gerdes met with the board and advised as to E Civis Grant data base available to counties. Financial commitments to this program were discussed. Mr. Gerdes advised his staff could write and administrate said grants if awarded and further, with county participation, other local entities could have access to the data base. It was the consensus of the board to wait and see if other counties are open to participating in this program.

Amy Frederick representing Hitchcock County News requested clarification from a publisher's standpoint as to when an elected official has the authority to conduct county business. Chair McDonald indicated that in his opinion said authority begins upon the official being sworn into office. Attorney Garner confirmed.

Assessor elect Marlene Bedore joined the meeting and discussion was held on contracts for software vendor(s) other than Orion. Attorney Garner advised as to past discussions relating to transitioning through the re-assumption from the state of the assessment function to MIPS assessment software. Mrs. Bedore advised she had talked to Larry Dix regarding the MIPS offer for transition from Orion to the MIPS software and expected the original offer would still stand. Mrs. Bedore advised that there are five original state counties still using Orion.



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Bill Fritsch inquired as to the process relating to tax refunds as a result of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission order in Case No. 13R006 reducing the 2013 valuation of his property from \$127,070 to \$121,515. Attorney Garner informed Mr. Fritsch that there is a specific statutory process for requesting a tax refund.

Chris Berry with Lutheran Family Services joined the meeting and advised as to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Community Based Juvenile Service Aid Program.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding by and between Hitchcock, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes and Red Willow County for Community Based Juvenile Service Aid Program. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Mid American Benefits, Inc. requested another signed original Medical Reimbursement Plan Document for Group #40670000 which was adopted as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Chair executed the Nebraska Department of Roads Certification of Highway Superintendent for calendar year 2014.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$1.00 from Vonage Tax for 911 Surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund; \$1,334.00 from NIRMA for insurance dividend, \$667.00 credited to Road Fund and \$667.00 credited to General Fund and \$83.86 from Central Crude for oil production, credited to the General Fund.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

/s/ Scott McDonald

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair

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/s/ Margaret M. Pollmann

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk